

REMARKS

Introduction

Claims 1-14 are in the application, of which claims 1 and 14 are independent. Claims 1 and 3-14 have been amended, as have the drawings.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to for including unlabeled components. By this Amendment, labels have been added to components in the drawings. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is requested.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1 and 3-14 stand objected to for including reference numerals in parentheticals. By this Amendment, applicants have amended the claims to attend to the objections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to claims 1 and 3-14 is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1 and 3-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0154607 A1 (Forstadius).

Applicants submit that Forstadius does not describe all of the features of amended claim 1. For example, Forstadius does not describe a method of operating a network between a plurality of communication apparatuses "in which the apparatus address of a first communication apparatus, stored in the token is read by the token read apparatus when the token is placed in the vicinity of the token read apparatus," and "the connection is terminated when the token is removed from the vicinity of the token read apparatus."

As described in the Specification of the present application at, for example, page 3, lines 22-24, "[t]o read the token, the token is brought into the vicinity of or inserted into the

token read apparatus itself in which it stays until the connection is terminated. To terminate the connection, a user removes the token from the token read apparatus." As best understood by applicants, Forstadius does not describe such a claimed feature.

Accordingly, applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over Forstadius, and withdrawal of the rejection to claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is requested.

Each of claims 2-13 ultimately depend from claim 1, that is discussed above and is believed to be allowable. Therefore, at least for depending from allowable claim 1, claims 2-13 are also believed to be allowable over Forstadius.

Amended independent claim 14, while differing in form and scope from claim 1, recites features similar to those described above with respect to the allowability of claim 1. Accordingly, at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to the allowability of claim 1, independent claim 14 is also believed to be allowable over Forstadius.

Thus, applicants submit that each of the claims of the present application are patentable the cited reference. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections to the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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